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I started the morning by briefing Congresswoman Edna Kelly (New York), Chairman, Subcommittee on Europe, House Foreign Affairs Committee. She was accompanied by Harris B. McDowell (Delaware), Leonor K. Sullivan (Missouri), Robert R. Barry (New York), Peter Freylinghuysen (New Jersey), and a clutch of military escorts and staff consultants. Their particular interest was :

1. The UK and the Common Market
2. The UK and European Integration
3. British Trade with the Soviet Bloc
4. Implementation of the Battle Act vis-a-vis Britain
5. Progress in achieving uniformity with Britain in applying restrictions to exports of strategic items to Soviet Bloc countries
6. British Trade with Cuba
7. British view on Berlin
8. Status of Russian oil offensive in Europe

I talked and answered questions for two hours, which at least had the advantage for the members of the Embassy staff that they did not have to submit to any interrogation.

This was followed by a lunch we gave at home for Congressman Rooney and his entourage. The 21 guests were

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Congressman and Mrs. Rooney
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Crockett
Mr. Michael Cieplinski
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Farrell
Mr. Jay B. Howe
Minister and Mrs. G. Lewis Jones
Minister and Mrs. Wilson T. M. Beale
Mr. and Mrs. William Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Findley Burns, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Eliot Weil
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Purnell
Mr. Andrew Pierre

John Rooney was affable and friendly; the State Department budget was never mentioned.

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